

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
Tuesday, June 11, 2013**

Present: Commissioner President Francis Jack Russell
Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan
Commissioner Cynthia L. Jones
Commissioner Daniel L. Morris
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
Sharon Ferris (Recorder)

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner President Russell called the business meeting to order at 9:00 am in the Chesapeake Building meeting room, Governmental Center.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to approve the minutes of June 4, 2013, as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

PROCLAMATIONS WERE PRESENTED FOR NATIONAL NURSING ASSISTANTS WEEK AND DUMP THE PUMP

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

1. Draft Agenda for June 18 and 25, 2013.
2. **Department of Public Works and Transportation** (*George Erichsen, Director*)

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement between St. Mary's County and the Maryland Environmental Service, to implement a 2013 Scrap Tire Drop-off Day. Motion carried 5-0.

3. **Department of Recreation and Parks** (*Brian Loewe, Director*)

Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the MDOT/SHA Transportation Enhancement Program grant Memorandum of Understanding for

construction of the Three Notch Trail Phase VI, Project PA1101, in the total amount of \$2,870,720. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Morris expressed safety concerns regarding the intersection of Rt. 5 and Mechanicsville Road on the Three Notch Trail.

4. Sheriff's Office (Brian Eley, Civilian Administrator; Erin Shoemaker, Fiscal Manager)

a. Commissioner Morris moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to authorize Sheriff's Office staff to submit the grant application documents electronically for the Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, from the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention in the amount of \$36,355 to fund an hourly position to update the MILES/NCIC database; and to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the hard copy of said Grant Application subsequent to the electronic filing. Motion carried 5-0.

b. BA to apply Personal Services Savings to make an additional contribution to the Sheriff's Office Retirement Plan

The Sheriff's Office requested approval to realign \$500,000 from their personal services accounts to the Sheriff's Office Retirement Plan for FY13.

Commissioner Morris requested this item be rescheduled until next week to give time to discuss other options, such as the possibility of putting the funds in the County's Emergency Fund in case of a major storm.

Commissioner Morgan moved that in consideration of the Commissioner on my right, I propose we wait a week. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**ST. MARY'S METROPOLITAN COMMISSION: REQUEST APPROVAL OF
FY 2014-2019 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND FY 2014 CIB**

Present: Daniel Ichniowski, Executive Director
Rebecca Shick, CFO
David Elberti, Chief Engineer
Mike Sullivan, Chief of Facilities and Operations
Jacquelyn Meiser, General Legal Counsel

Mr. Ichniowski noted that a Public Hearing was held on May 6, 2013, on the proposed FY14 Operating Budget, FY14 Capital Improvement Budget, FY14 Service Charges, FY14 System Improvement and Capital Contribution Charges, and FY15-19 Capital Improvement Plan. On May 23, 2013, MetCom's Board approved all of the proposals with a few minor adjustments that were described by Mr. Ichniowski. MetCom is now requesting approval from the Board of County Commissioners of the FY14 Capital Improvement Budget and the FY-15-FY19 Capital Improvement Plan.

Commissioner Morgan expressed concern about the accuracy of estimates for several projects that have come in significantly higher than originally projected and the need to sharpen estimates in the future. In response to Commissioner Morris, Mr. Ichniowski confirmed that the New Market/Charlotte Hall water/sewer project in the CIB is the same as the one Commissioners removed last year. Commissioner Jarboe noted that concerns he expressed last year still stand as this project would represent a major policy change. MetCom has not had a sewer system in Charlotte Hall. A public sewer system in Charlotte Hall would be a major concern to residents who might be required to connect into these systems even if they have working wells and septic systems. Mr. Ichniowski indicated that one of the reasons the project is included in the plan is because of the new state Watershed Implementation Plan and new environmental regulations that will require ground disposal of any type of effluent that is created. A site will have to be found and approved -- which will take over a year -- for this purpose and the Charlotte Hall area is a good candidate due to soils.

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to remove the Sewer Project #01415M (New Market/Chopticon sewer project) and water project #0091WT (Charlotte Hall Water Tower) from both the FY14 and the 5-year CIP Plan.

Mr. Ichniowski asked that prior to taking a vote on the above motion, the Commissioners reconsider removing the water tower from the motion noting that the water tower in Charlotte Hall behind McKay's Grocery store was damaged during the earthquake and is no longer in service which creates a public safety issue. MetCom plans to replace this tank with a larger tank in a new location on land donated to MetCom to serve the Charlotte Hall area. He indicated that taking the water tower out of the budget might cause a safety issue if there should be a major fire.

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to remove the Sewer Project #01415M (New Market/Chopticon sewer project) and water project #0091WT (Charlotte Hall Water Tower) from both the FY14 and the 5-year CIP Plan. Motion failed 2-3. Commissioners Russell, Morgan, and Jones voted nay.

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to remove the Sewer Project #01415M (New Market/Charlotte Hall Sewer) from both the FY2014 Capital Improvement Plan and the 5-year CIP Plan. Motion carried 4-1. Commissioner Russell voted nay.

Commissioner Jones commented that a major concern of the Commissioners is that the estimates provided by MetCom lack credibility and integrity to the point that it is very difficult for MetCom's Board to set rates and asked what type of different business practices will be implemented to create more realistic estimates in the next budget cycle. Mr. Ichniowski responded that MetCom has implemented a policy to include engineering and design in one fiscal year. Over the next year or two, this should result in more accurate estimates that are based on volume of water, length of pipes, etc.

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to approve the Metropolitan Commission FY 2014 Capital Improvement Budget and FY 2015-2019 Capital Improvement Plan, with the revisions the Commissioners voted on, pursuant to Section 113-30 of the St. Mary's County Code. Motion carried 5-0.

COMMISSIONER'S TIME

The Commissioners highlighted events of the past week.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter, specifically, appointments to boards and committees. Motion carried 4-1. Commissioner Jarboe voted nay.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Personnel

Present: Commissioner Francis Jack Russell, President
Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe
Commissioner Cynthia L. Jones
Commissioner Daniel L. Morris
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
Sue Sabo, Chief of Staff
Diane Gleissner, Boards and Committees Administrator
Donna Gebicke, Administrative Assistant

Authority: Article 24, Section 4-210(a)1
Time Held: 11:05 am – 11:30 am
Subject: Personnel (boards and committees)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Minutes Approved by the Board of County Commissioners on _____

Sharon Ferris, Senior Administrative Coordinator (Recorder)